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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Special Assistant to the Director  
of Personnel

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FROM

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[redacted] Summer Intern  
DD/I Special Research Staff

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SUBJECT

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Comments on Summer Intern Program

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1. I must admit that upon entering the Central Intelligence Agency this summer, I had many misgivings, e.g., how friends would view my employment with the Agency, how this association might diminish prospects for future employment with other government agencies and international organizations. At this point I can say that these factors no longer seem important. The Summer Intern Program has successfully dispelled many of my misconceptions and uncertainties about the Agency's goals, functions, and organization. What single factor has impressed me most about this experience is the realization that the Agency has no ulterior purpose other than the collection, evaluation, and correct analysis of data and that it is on these criteria alone that the Agency's performance is evaluated. Needless to say I have been impressed by the rigorous standards of objective analysis pursued and the willingness of other offices and divisions to assist each other in what approaches a collegial atmosphere. Unfortunately, the Agency has hitherto been unable or unwilling to educate a wider segment of the public as to the necessity of intelligence gathering, the raison-d'être for Agency reluctance to suggest policy or to defend itself against accusations by its critics, etc.. More precisely, my assignment in the DDI/SRS (China), has enabled me to secure a general understanding of the CIA from an operative aspect, combined with the meaningful investigation of a substantive research problem. The following items are some specific observations related to both this specific assignment and the Intern Program as well:

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1) Why here--why not sooner

a) Security--growing maturity about security. *Security when it matters*

b) Not surprising--CIA in a democracy

2) Coincided w/a desire to meet wave of criticism--66-68 NSA, Pueblo, etc.

a) Brookings

b) Scholar meetings

c) Student seminars

d) Analysts--scholarly meetings and publications

e) Our own families--be open

3) DDI activity overt in kind

a) Collection--foreign news broadcasts, technicians in large corporations or

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institutions, scholarly research, reporting news--sources & methods

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4) Org--DDP, DDS&T, OS, DDI  
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a) Essence of job--reporting objectively to NSC & President on foreign devels

b) Everybody contributes

c) Unique aspects of operations

1) Report to President--implications

2) Care of highly trained academic specialists

3) Continuity--backlog of experience

4) Insights from others

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5) Film

"Spouse Day" .

22 Aug and 24 Sep 70

given by RJS both times

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